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Washington Water Supply Outlook

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Foreword

How Forecasts Are Made

Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall. This snowfall accumulates high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are viewed in conjunction with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply outlook conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data and narratives describing current conditions.

Streamflow forecasts are cooperatively generated by Soil Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. Forecasts become more accurate as more data affecting runoff becomes known. For this reason, forecasts are issued that reflect three future precipitation conditions — Below Normal, Average, and Above Normal. These forecasts are termed reasonable minimum, most probable, and reasonable maximum. Actual streamflow can be expected to fall between the lower and upper forecast values eight out of ten years.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthly or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation, temperature, and other parameters are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via radio telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthly and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

For More Information

Copies of Monthly Water Supply Outlook Reports and other reports may be obtained from the states listed below. Because of the limited space, snow survey measurements are not published in monthly reports. An annual snow survey data summary is published by the Soil Conservation Service for each of the western states. Historical snow survey data may be obtained at those same offices.

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Utah	4402 Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84147
Washington	360 U.S. Court House, Spokane, WA 99201
Wyoming	Federal Building, 100 East "B" Street, Casper, WY 82601

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Published by other agencies:

Water Supply Outlook Reports prepared by other agencies include: California — Snow Survey Branch, California Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 388, Sacramento, CA 95802; British Columbia — The Ministry of Environment, Water Investigations Branch, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 1X5; Yukon Territory — Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Northern Operations Branch, 200 Range Road, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Y1A 3V1; Alberta, Environment Technical Services Division, 9820 106th St., Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6.

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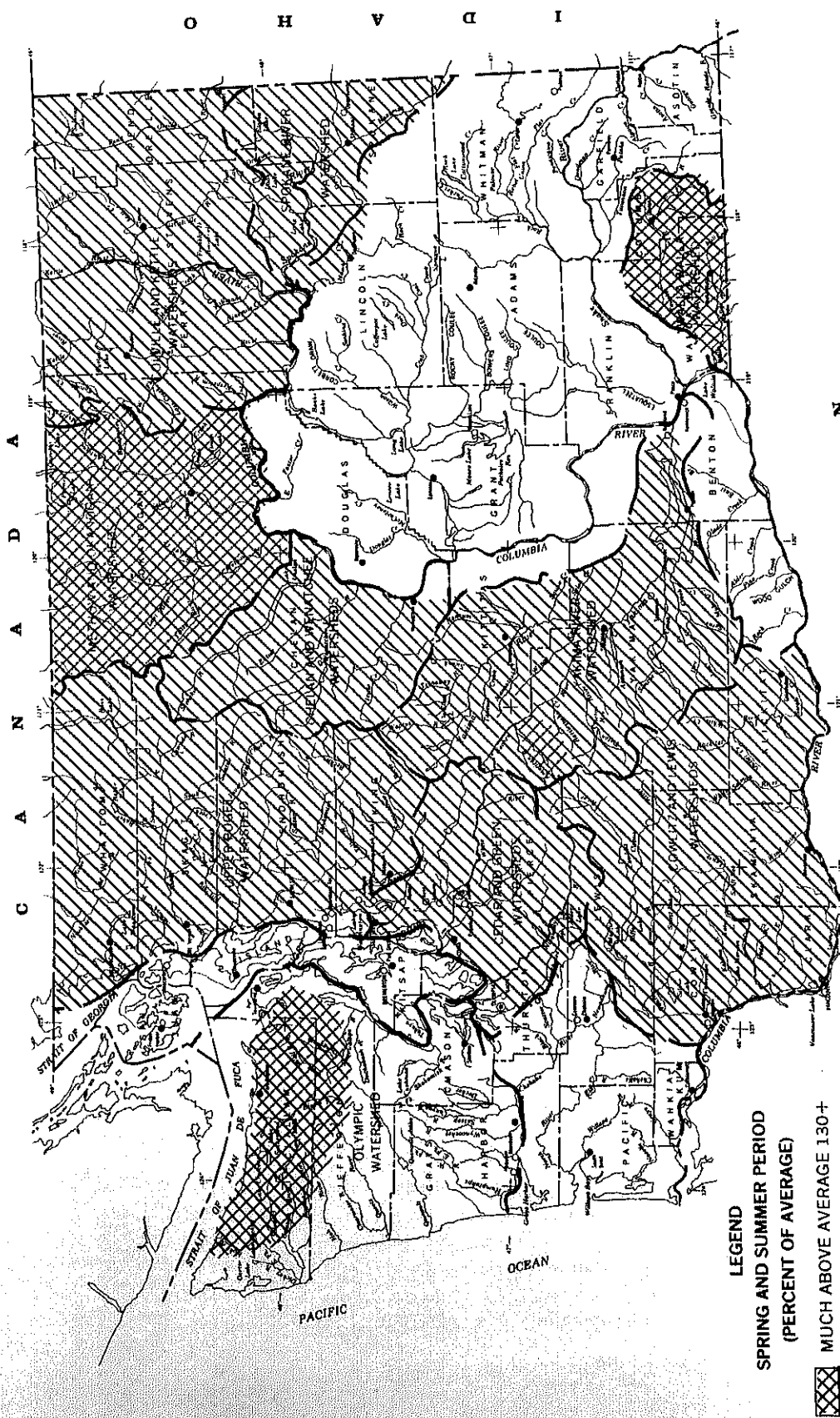
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LEGEND
SPRING AND SUMMER PERIOD
(PERCENT OF AVERAGE)

- MUCH ABOVE AVERAGE 130+
- ABOVE AVERAGE 110-130
- NEAR AVERAGE 90-110
- BELOW AVERAGE 70-90
- MUCH BELOW AVERAGE 70+ LESS
- NOT FORECAST
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY

January 1, 1987
STREAMFLOW PROSPECTS
WASHINGTON



GENERAL OUTLOOK

SUMMARY:

Washington water supply forecasts are for below normal runoff for 1987. Snow cover and Precipitation are below average continuing a trend set last year. Reservoir storage is below normal at the major irrigation projects throughout the state. Streamflows have been below the norm for late summer and fall months.

NOTE: Included in this years reports is the snow survey data.

SNOWPACK:

Very few manual snow measurements were scheduled and made for the January 1 period. Forecasters must rely on SNOTEL data for snowpack information. The January 1 statewide average is 73%. Storms during early January have made improvements to the snowpack. All Washington SNOTEL Sites are reporting snowpack, with Lyman Lake at 5900 feet in elevation having the largest with 27.1 inches of water content. The Columbia River Basin has a snowpack 63% of normal.

PRECIPITATION:

Precipitation values from SNOTEL sites indicate a water year value near 85% of average for the high mountain areas. Precipitation data from the National weather service sites, located mostly in lower valley areas, show values around the state vary from 35% in the Spokane Basin to 82% of normal for the Olympic Basin. Storms, the first week in January, have deposited over 5 inches at many sites along the Cascade Mountain range.

RESERVOIRS:

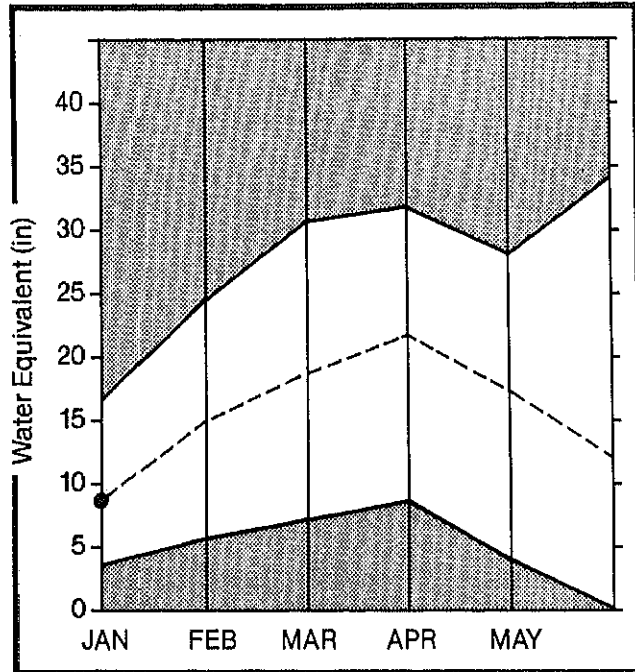
Reservoir storage is below average in Washington. Major irrigation reservoirs were drawn low the preceding summer when water supplies were also below normal. The Yakima Basin, which relies heavily upon stored water for irrigation, is at 58% of average. Columbia River reservoirs are near normal while storage in the Okanogan area is at 57% of capacity. Power reservoirs, such as Coeur d' Alene at 65% and Chelan Lake at 96% of normal, are suffering from low flows of last fall.

STREAMFLOW:

Streamflows are forecasted to be below normal for the coming spring and summer. Snowpack and water year to date precipitation values are below average over most of Washington. Forecasts vary from 72% in the Similkameen River to 93% in the Bumping River. December streamflows continued the summer and fall trend of below normal with only the Okanogan River at 101% being above average. Other December streamflows are; Spokane at Long Lake 76%, Pend Oreille River 75%, Columbia River at the International Boundary 86%, Chelan 65%, Snake 93%, Skagit 63%, and the Chehalis River 50%.

SPOKANE

Mountain snowpack* (Inches)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum



Average



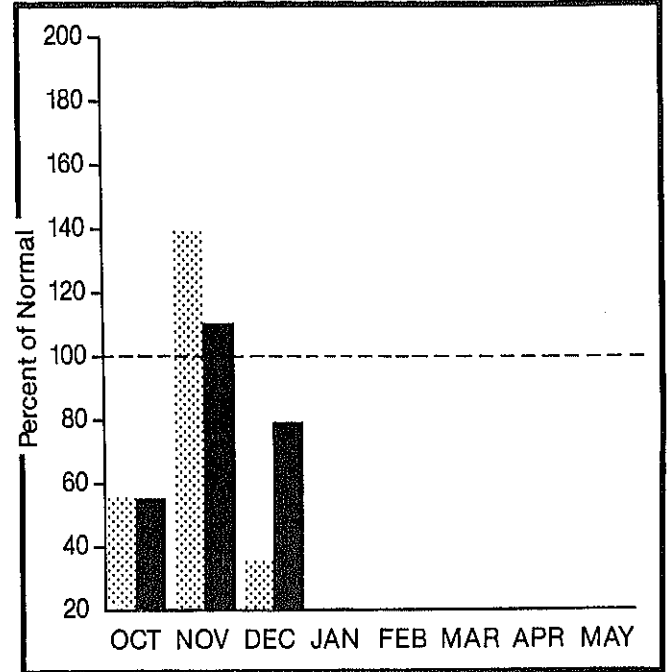
Minimum



Current



Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation



Year to date precipitation



SPOKANE RIVER BASIN

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Spokane River's forecasted spring and summer runoff is 88% of normal. This forecast is based upon a snowpack that is 89% of average and a water year to date precipitation value of 79% of normal. Data for snow cover was obtained from SNOTEL sites with no manual measurements made for the January 1 period. December streamflow in the Spokane River was 76% of normal. Storage in Coeur d'Alene Lake was 134,200 acre feet compared to 184,200 last year, average storage in Cd'A for January 1 is 207,700 ac. ft.

For more information contact your local Soil Conservation Service office.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST	25YR	IMOST	MOSTIRMX	RMXIRMN	RMN
	PERIOD	AVG KAF	IPROB KAF	PROB1 %AVG KAF	% I AVG KAF	% AVG
SPOKANE at Post Falls	APR-SEP	2848	2480	87.	3932	138 1028 36.
	APR-JUL	2754	2400	87.	3805	138 995 36.

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RESERVOIR STORAGE (1000AF)

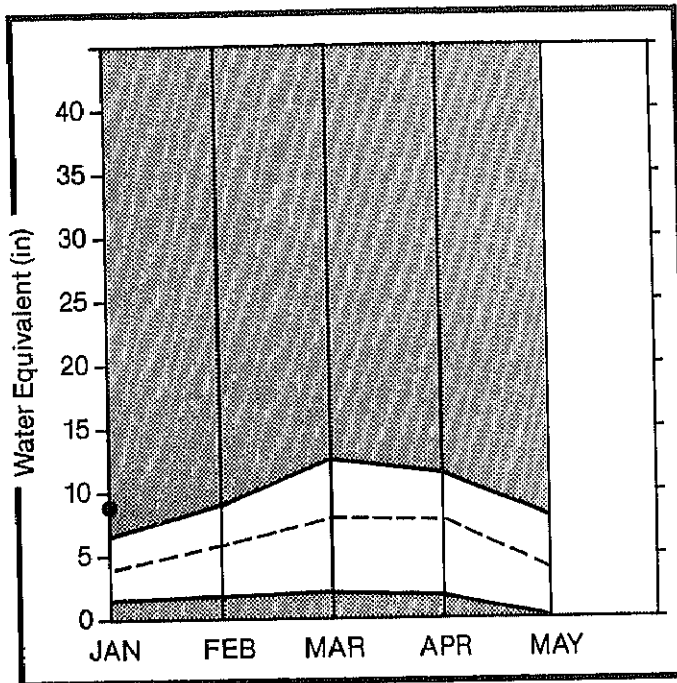
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	** USABLE STORAGE **		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVE.
COEUR D'ALENE	291.2	134.2	91.7	205.4

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
Spokane River	13	121	84

COLVILLE AND PEND OREILLE

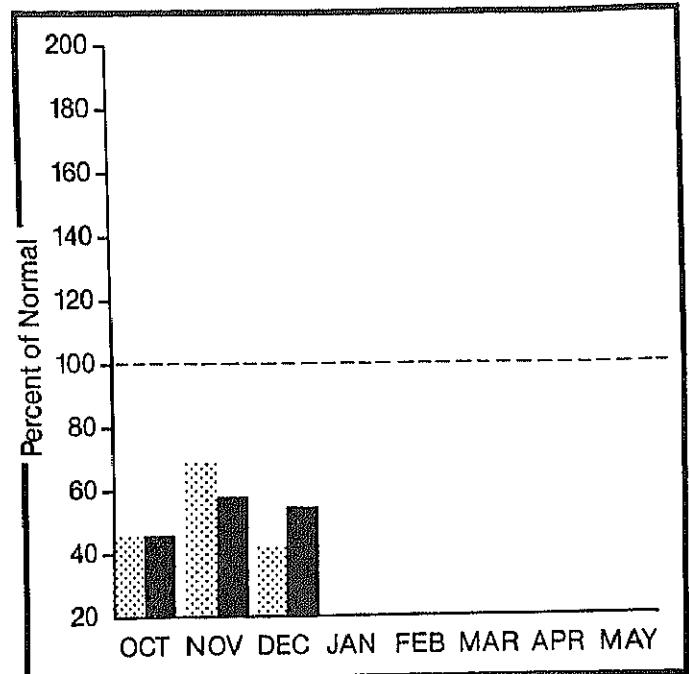
Mountain snowpack* (inches)





*Based on selected stations

Maximum  Average 
Minimum  Current 

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation  Year to date precipitation 

COLVILLE - PEND OREILLE RIVER BASINS

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Forecasted streamflows for the Pend Oreille River is 84%, Kettle River 84% and the Colville River 82% of normal for the spring and summer runoff period. Streamflows for December were 75% of average on the Pend Oreille River, 72% on the Kettle River and 86% on the Columbia River at the international Boundary. Snowpack measurements in the Pend Oreille Basin are at 89% of normal based mainly on SNOTEL measurements. Manual measurements of snow will begin February 1. Precipitation during December was 41% of average and water year to date values are 54% of normal.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST PERIOD	25YR AVG KAF	MOST IPROB 1KAF	MOST PROB 2AUG1KAF	RMXIRMN % 1 AUG1KAF	RMN % AUG
PEND OREILLE RIVER b1 Box Canyon	APR-SEP	15425	13000	84.	17011	110 8990 58.
	APR-JUL	14156	12000	85.	15681	111 8319 59.
	APR-JUN	12227	10000	82.	13179	108 6821 56.
COLVILLE RIVER at Kettle Falls	APR-SEP	134	110	82.	177	132 43 32.
	APR-JUL	123	100	81.	162	132 39 32.
	APR-JUN	114	90	79.	147	129 33 29.
KETTLE RIVER nr Laurier	APR-SEP	1829	1540	84.	2363	129 717 39.
	APR-JUL	1738	1460	84.	2242	129 678 39.
	APR-JUN	1581	1260	80.	1971	125 549 35.
COLUMBIA RIVER at Birchbank 2	APR-SEP	44605	40300	90.	50113	112 30487 68.
	APR-JUL	35705	32200	90.	40055	112 24345 68.
	APR-JUN	26027	23500	90.	29226	112 17774 68.
COLUMBIA RIVER at Grand Coulee 2	APR-SEP	66841	58400	87.	73105	109 43695 65.
	APR-JUL	56169	48900	87.	61257	109 36543 65.
	APR-JUN	44036	38300	87.	47988	109 28612 65.

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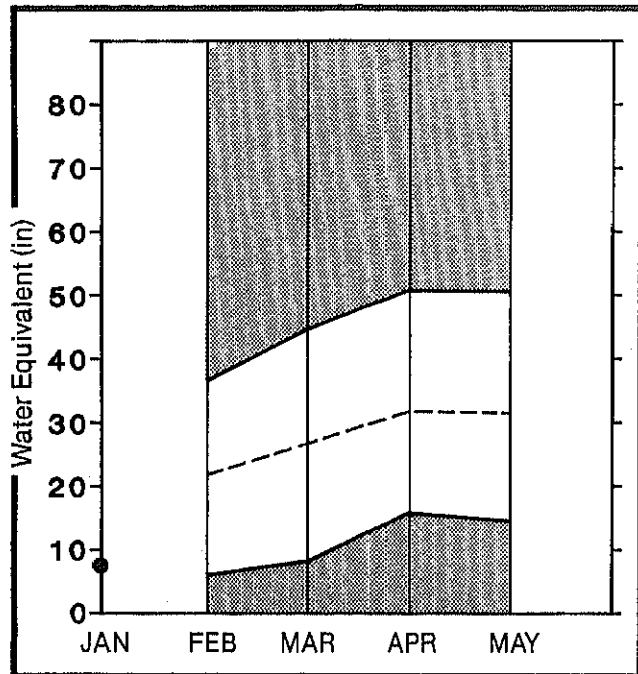
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	** USABLE STORAGE **		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVE.
ROOSEVELT BANKS	5232.0	4617.5	3299.0	4547.9
	715.0	656.1	391.0	618.3

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D
Colville River	0
Pend Oreille River	9
Kettle River	2
Omac Lake, Twin Lakes	0
Newman Lake	1

OKANOGAN AND METHOW

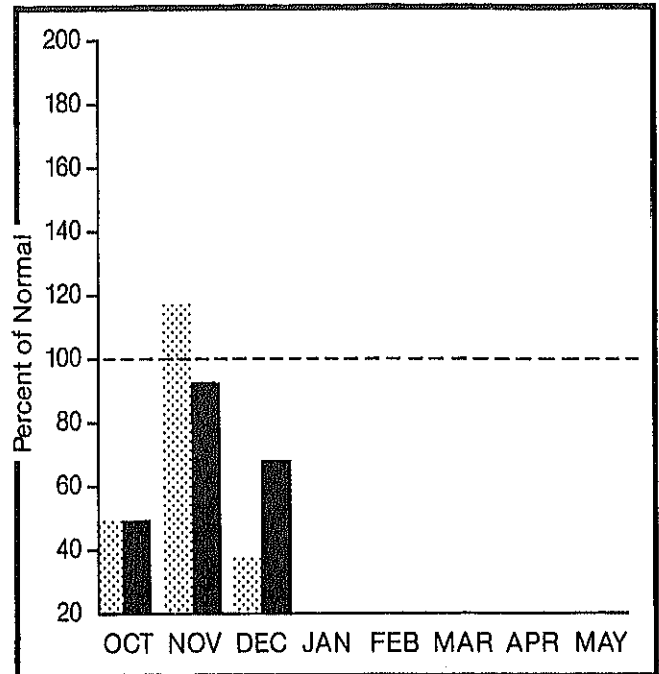
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum Average Minimum Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation Year to date precipitation

OKANOGAN - METHOW RIVER BASINS

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Streamflow in the Okanogan River was at 101% of average for December. Forecasts for spring and summer on the Okanogan River are for runoff of 91% of normal and 90% on the Methow River. Snow cover as of January 1 is at 74%, based upon SNOTEL data. Manual snow surveys are scheduled for February 1. Precipitation in December was at 38% with water year to date 68% of average. Storage in the Conconully Reservoirs is at 13,400 acre feet which is 57% of capacity.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST PERIOD	25YR AVG KAF	MOST IPROB IKAF	MOST PROB1 ZAVG1KAF	RMX1RMN % 1 AVG1KAF	RMN % AVG
SIMILKAMEEN R. nr Nighthawk	APR-SEP	1462	1390	95.	2443	167 337 23.
	APR-JUL	1365	1300	95.	2283	167 317 23.
	APR-JUN	1161	1100	95.	1936	167 264 23.
OKANOGAN R. nr Tonasket	APR-SEP	1644	1500	91.	2700	164 300 18.
	APR-JUL	1497	1360	91.	2453	164 267 18.
	APR-JUN	1262	1150	91.	2071	164 229 18.
METHOW RIVER nr Pateros	APR-SEP	980	880	90.	1213	124 547 56.
	APR-JUL	908	820	90.	1129	124 511 56.
	APR-JUN	773	700	91.	963	125 437 57.

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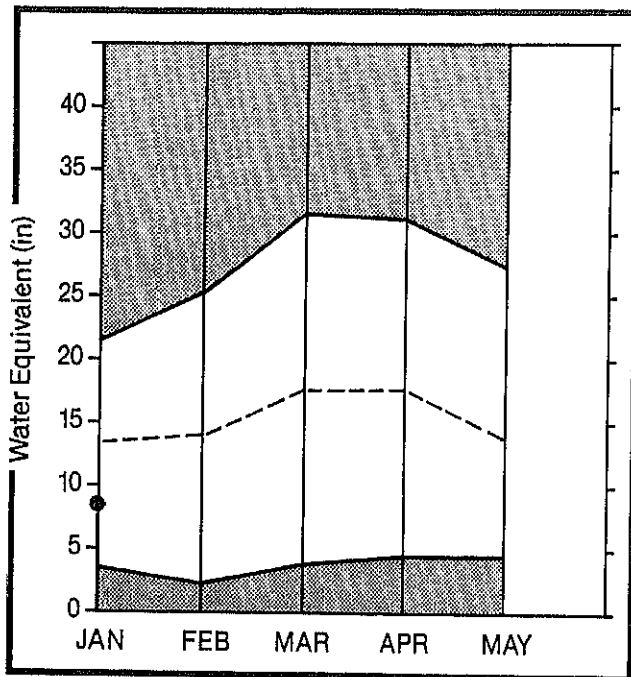
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	** USABLE STORAGE **		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVE.
CONCONULLY LAKE (SALMON)	10.5	8.0	8.0	7.6
CONCONULLY RESERVOIR	13.0	5.0	5.6	5.9

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
Okanogan River	17	102	78
Methow River	2	116	69

WENATCHEE AND CHELAN

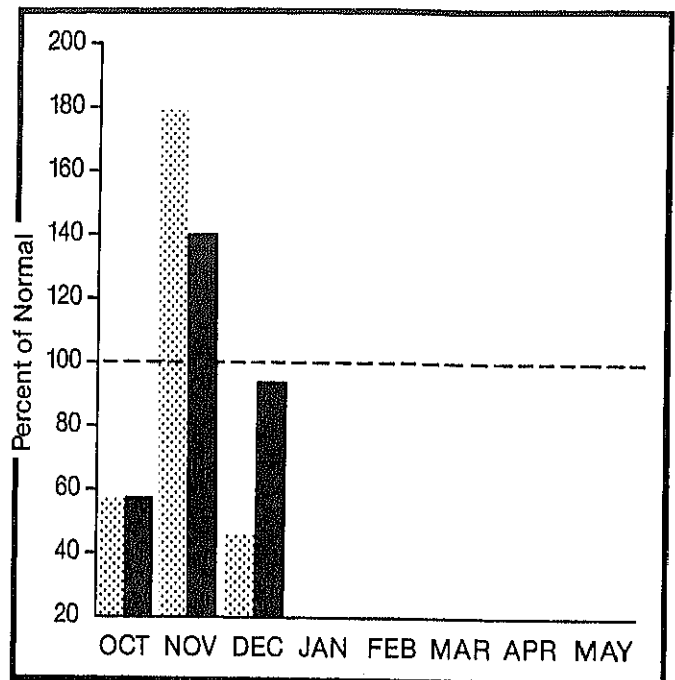
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum Average
Minimum Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation Year to date precipitation

WENATCHEE - CHELAN RIVER BASINS

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Snowpack in the Wenatchee-Chelan Basin is at 86% of normal. Streamflows for December were 65% of average for the Chelan River and 70% on the Wenatchee River. Runoff for spring and summer is forecasted to be 90% of normal in the Wenatchee and 83% in the Chelan Basin. Stehekin River runoff is forecasted to be 85% of average. Precipitation during December was 46% in the Wenatchee and 46% in Chelan. Reservoir storage in Lake Chelan is at 365,000 acre feet or 96% of normal for January 1.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST PERIOD	25YR AVG KAF	1MOST IPROB IKAF	HOST PROBI ZAVG	IRMX IKAF	RMX % I AVG	IRMN IKAF	RMN % AVG
CHELAN RIVER at Chelan 1	APR-SEP	1203	1000	83.	1349	112	651	54.
	APR-JUL	1055	880	83.	1186	112	574	54.
	APR-JUN	826	660	80.	900	109	420	51.
STEHEKIN R. at Stehekin	APR-SEP	860	730	85.	945	110	515	60.
	APR-JUL	727	620	85.	802	110	438	60.
	APR-JUN	553	470	85.	608	110	332	60.
ENTIAT RIVER nr Ardenvoir	APR-SEP	235	175	75.	234	100	116	49.
	APR-JUL	213	160	75.	213	100	107	50.
	APR-JUN	172	130	76.	173	101	87	51.
WENATCHEE RIVER at Plain	APR-SEP	1270	1140	90.	1597	126	683	54.
	APR-JUL	1113	1000	90.	1401	126	599	54.
	APR-JUN	899	800	89.	1124	125	476	53.
STEMILT nr Wenatchee (miners in)	MAY-SEP	138	110	80.	160	116	60	43.
ICICLE CREEK nr Leavenworth	APR-SEP	370	330	89.	463	125	197	53.
	APR-JUL	340	300	88.	422	124	178	52.
	APR-JUN	270	240	89.	337	125	143	53.
COLUMBIA R. bl Rock Island Dam 2	APR-SEP	72781	64300	88.	81767	112	46833	64.
	APR-JUL	61601	54200	88.	68984	112	39416	64.
	APR-JUN	48384	42600	88.	54212	112	30988	64.

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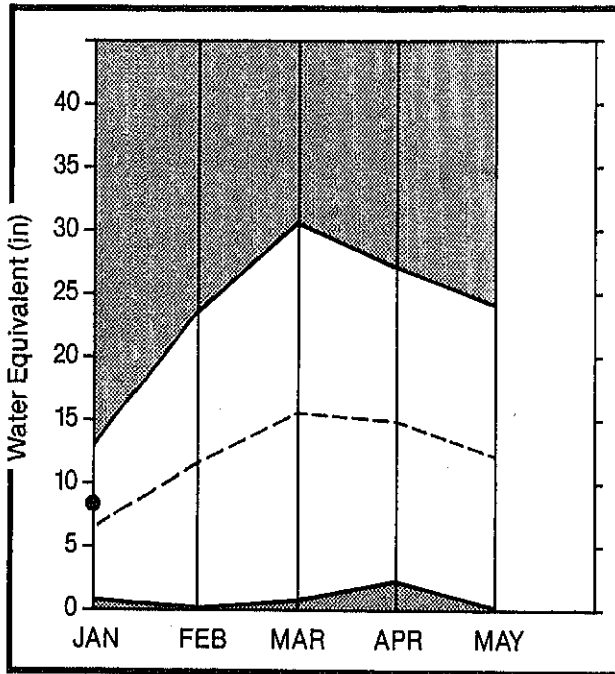
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	** USABLE STORAGE **		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVE.
CHELAN LAKE	676.1	365.0	365.7	378.7

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
Chelan Lake Basin	4	143	97
Entiat River	0	0	0
Wenatchee River	6	117	84
Colockum Creek	1	44	69
Squilchuck Creek	0	0	0
Stemilt Creek	0	0	0

YAKIMA

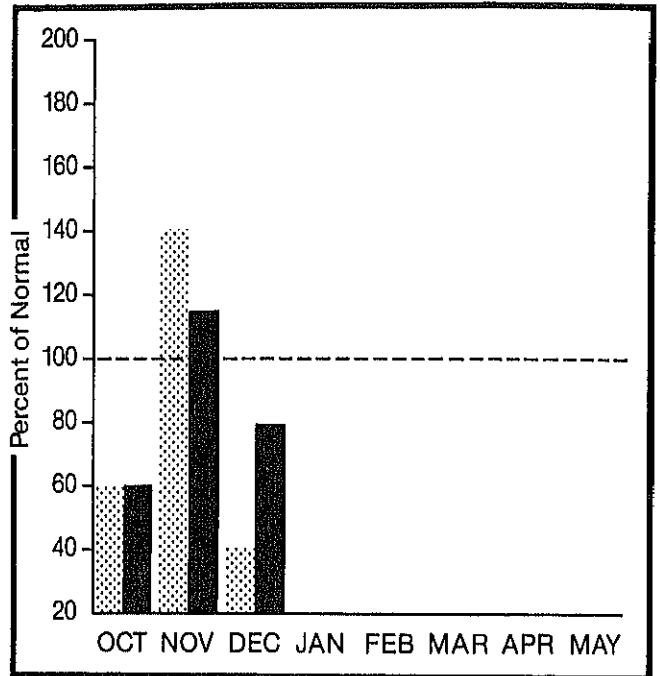
Mountain snowpack* (Inches)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum  Average 
Minimum  Current 

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation  Year to date precipitation 

YAKIMA RIVER BASIN

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Reservoir storage continues low, with January 1 values for the five major reservoirs at 337,900 acre feet or 58% of normal. December streamflow was not available due to icing of the stream gage.

Forecasts for the Yakima Basin runoff are 84% of normal, and for the Yakima River at Cle Elum 84%, Naches River 85%, the Yakima River at Parker 84% and Ahtanum Creek 83%. Snowpack is 84% of average in the Yakima basin. Precipitation for December was 40% of normal and 79% for the water year to date.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST	25YR	MOST	MOST	RMX	RMN	RMN
	PERIOD	AVG	PROB	PROB	%	%	%
		KAF	1KAF	2KAF	1KAF	1KAF	AVG
YAKIMA RIVER at Martin 1	APR-SEP 139	120	84	158	114	82	59.
	APR-JUL 128	110	84	136	106	84	66.
	APR-JUN 111	95	84	114	103	76	68.
YAKIMA RIVER at Cle Elum 2	APR-SEP 943	790	84	941	100	639	68.
	APR-JUL 854	710	83	847	99	573	67.
	APR-JUN 734	620	84	737	100	503	69.
YAKIMA RIVER nr Parker 2	APR-SEP 2096	1760	84	2326	111	1194	57.
	APR-JUL 1898	1590	84	2102	111	1078	57.
	APR-JUN 1667	1400	84	1850	111	950	57.
KACHESS RIVER nr Easton 1	APR-SEP 121	100	83	139	115	61	50.
	APR-JUL 115	95	83	132	115	58	50.
	APR-JUN 101	85	84	117	116	53	52.
CLE ELUM RIVER nr Roslyn 1	APR-SEP 463	410	89	516	111	304	66.
	APR-JUL 422	370	88	450	107	290	69.
	APR-JUN 353	300	85	367	104	233	66.
BUMPING RIVER nr Nile 1	APR-SEP 142	130	92	171	120	89	63.
	APR-JUL 129	120	93	157	122	83	64.
	APR-JUN 107	98	92	129	121	67	63.
AMERICAN RIVER nr Nile	APR-SEP 124	110	89	147	119	73	59.
	APR-JUL 113	100	88	134	119	66	58.
	APR-JUN 94	83	88	111	118	55	59.
TIETON RIVER at Tieton 1	APR-SEP 246	200	81	249	101	151	61.
	APR-JUL 207	170	82	211	102	129	62.
	APR-JUN 165	140	85	173	105	107	65.
NACHES RIVER nr Naches 2	APR-SEP 867	740	85	1017	117	463	53.
	APR-JUL 784	670	85	921	117	419	53.
	APR-JUN 667	570	85	783	117	357	54.
AHTANUM CREEK nr Tampico 2	APR-SEP 47	37	83	60	128	18.0	38.
	APR-JUL 43	36	84	55	128	17.0	40.
	APR-JUN 37	31	84	48	130	14.0	38.

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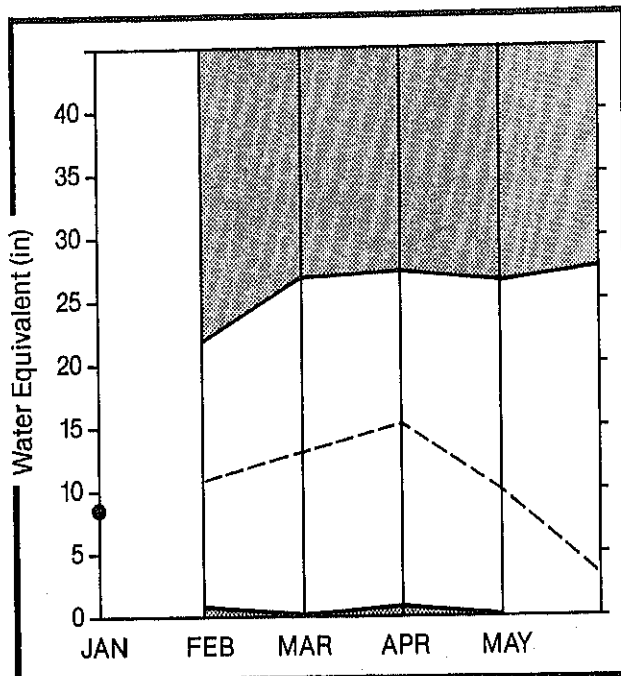
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	** USABLE STORAGE **		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVE.
KEECHULUS	157.8	64.2	59.2	83.0
KACHESS	239.0	55.5	98.1	159.1
CLE ELEM	436.9	102.2	118.5	220.2
BUMPING LAKE	33.7	12.4	4.3	6.3
RIMROCK	198.0	103.4	118.8	102.1

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
Yakima River	14	40	83
Ahtanum Creek	2	58	62

WALLA WALLA

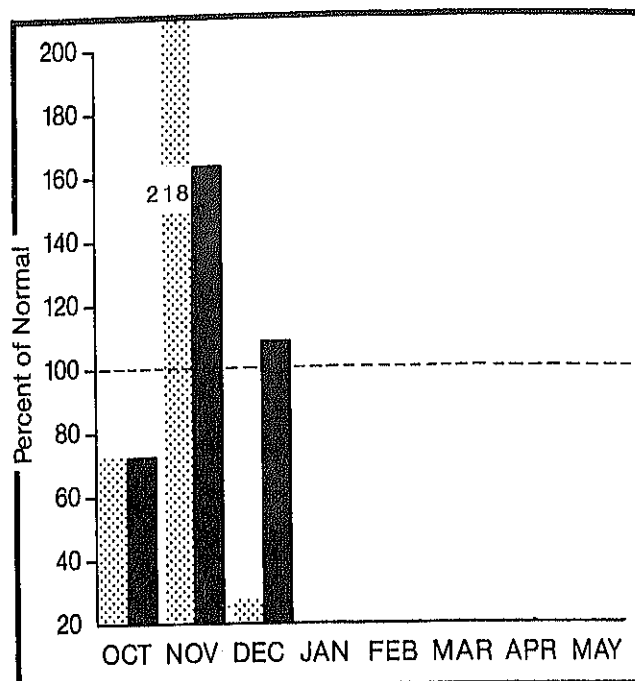
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum Average Minimum Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation Year to date precipitation

WALLA WALLA RIVER BASIN

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Snowpack in the Walla Walla River basin is 84% of normal. Precipitation for December was 28% of average and the water year to date precipitation has been 109% of normal. Forecasted streamflow in the Walla Walla Basin is 91% of average. Streamflow for December in the Walla Walla River was 49% of normal.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST PERIOD	25YR AVG KAF	MOST IPROB IKAF	MOST PROB ZAVG	I RMX IKAF	I RMN Z I AVG	I RMN Z AVG
MILL CREEK at Walla Walla	APR-SEP	17.5	16.0	91.	22	126	10.0 57.
	APR-JUL	17.3	15.7	91.	22	127	10.0 58.
	APR-JUN	17.2	15.6	91.	22	128	10.0 58.
COLUMBIA R. at The Dalles 2	APR-SEP	101000	84000	83.	110260	109	57740 57.
	APR-JUL	86500	71800	83.	94290	109	49310 57.
	APR-JUN	70100	58200	83.	76426	109	39974 57.

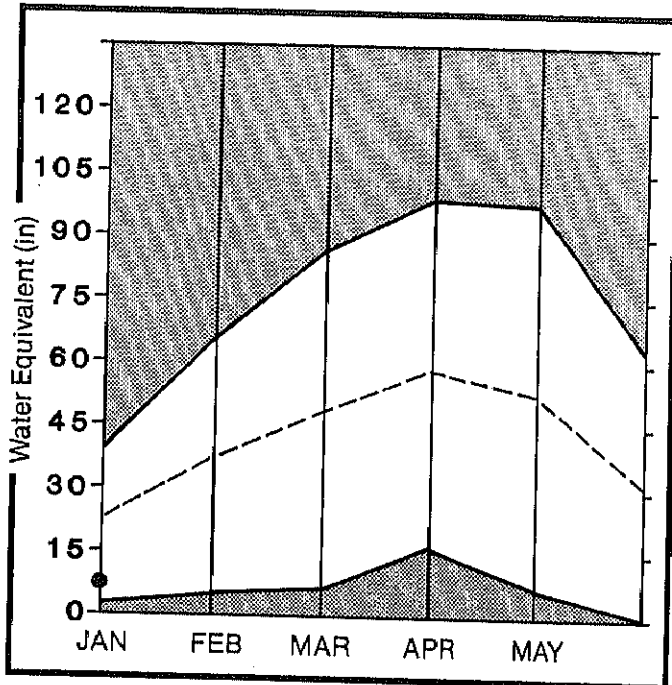
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WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
Mill Creek	1	161	84

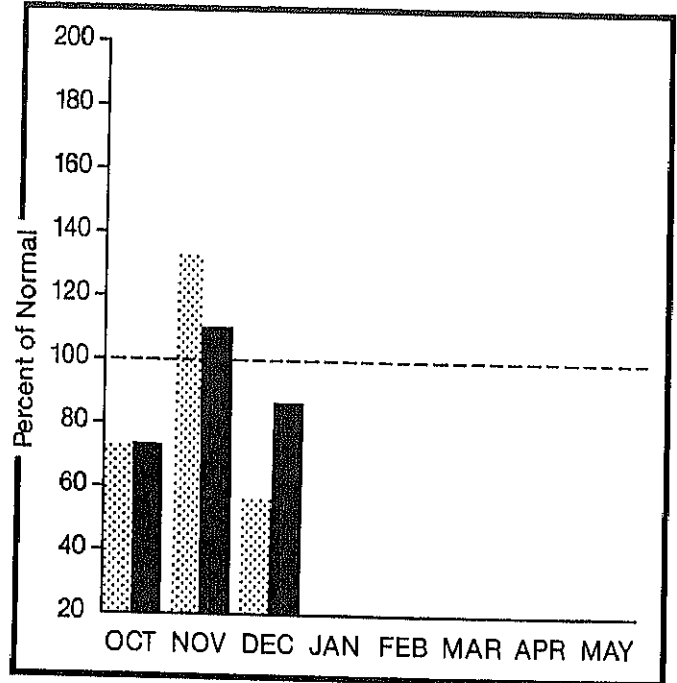
COWLITZ AND LEWIS

Mountain snowpack* (inches)





*Based on selected stations

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum  Average 
Minimum  Current 

Monthly precipitation  Year to date precipitation 

COWLITZ - LEWIS RIVER BASINS

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Snow cover for the Cowlitz-Lewis Basin is at 77% of normal. This compares to last years 63% at this time. Maximum water content was noted at the Paradise SNOTEL site where the snow pack contained 23.7 inches of water on January 1. Streamflow is forecasted to be near normal for the coming water year. Forecasts for the Lewis River is 88% and for the Cowlitz River 88%. Precipitation was 56% of normal for December. Water year to date precipitation has been 86% of average.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST PERIOD	25YR AVG KAF	1MOST IPROB 1KAF	MOST PROB1 ZAUG1KAF	RMX 1RMX AUG1KAF	RMN 1RMN AUG1KAF	RMN 1RMN AUG1KAF
LEWIS RIVER at Ariel 2	APR-SEP	1249	1100	88.	1625	130	575
	APR-JUL	1086	960	88.	1416	130	504
	APR-JUN	961	850	88.	1254	130	446
COWLITZ R. bl Mayfield Dam 2	APR-SEP	2038	1790	88.	2707	133	873
	APR-JUL	1778	1560	88.	2360	133	760
	APR-JUN	1502	1320	88.	1996	133	644
COWLITZ R. at Castle Rock 2	APR-SEP	2673	2350	88.	3018	113	1682
	APR-JUL	2323	2100	90.	2681	115	1519
	APR-JUN	1980	1750	88.	2245	113	1255

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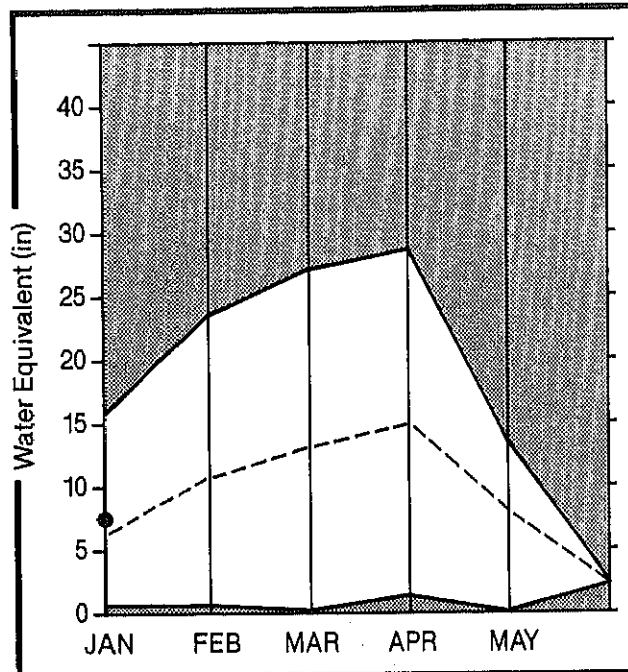
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WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
Cowlitz River	1	93	68
Lewis River	4	92	78

WHITE - GREEN

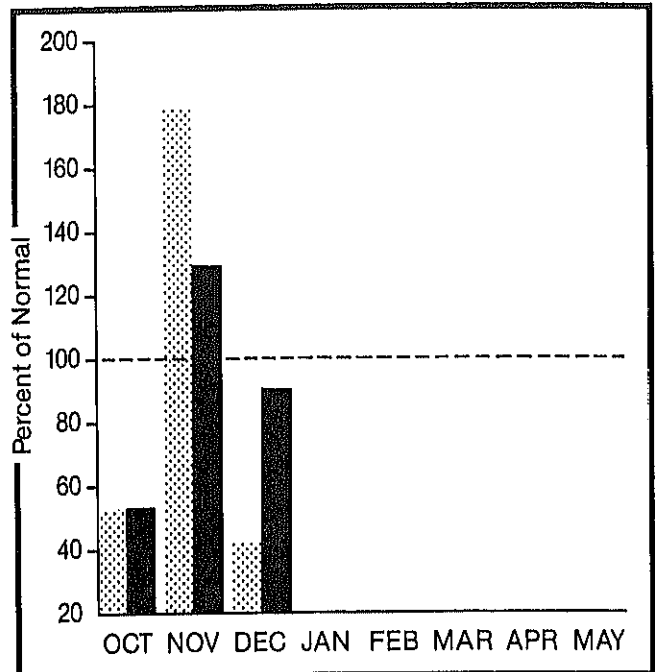
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum Average Minimum Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation Year to date precipitation

WHITE - GREEN RIVER BASINS

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Summer runoff is forecasted to be 82% of normal on the Green River and 86% on the Cedar River. Water content at the Stampede Pass SNOTEL site showed 21.1 inches of water content on January 1. December runoff was near 60% of average. Precipitation was 41% of normal for December, bringing the water year to date to 91% of average. Snowpack is 74% of normal for the basin.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST PERIOD	25YR AVG KAF	MOST IPROB IKAF	MOST PROB1 %AVG1KAF	TIRM X KAF	RMXIRMN		RMN % AVG
						%	1	
GREEN RIVER b1 Howard Hanson Dam 2	APR-SEP	316	260	82.	371	117	149	47.
	APR-JUL	284	240	85.	339	119	141	50.
	APR-JUN	256	210	82.	300	117	120	47.
CEDAR RIVER nr Cedar Falls	APR-SEP	93	80	86.	113	122	47	51.

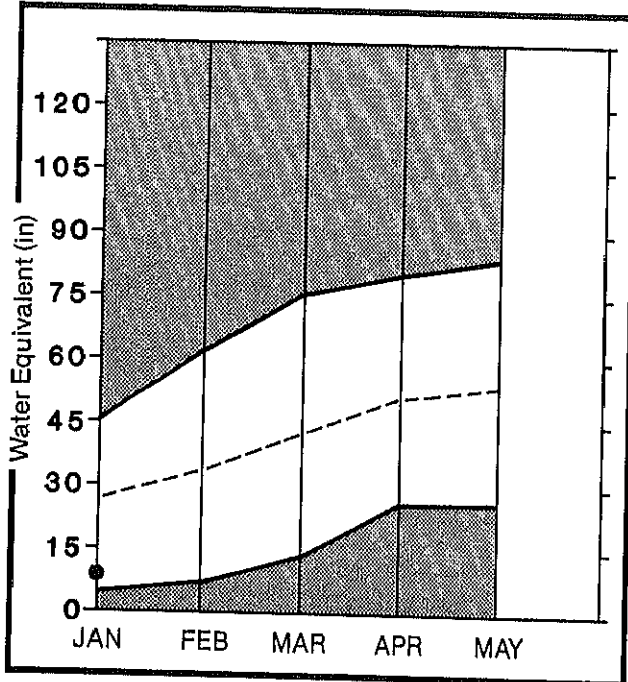
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WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
White River	2	150	116
Green River	7	122	86

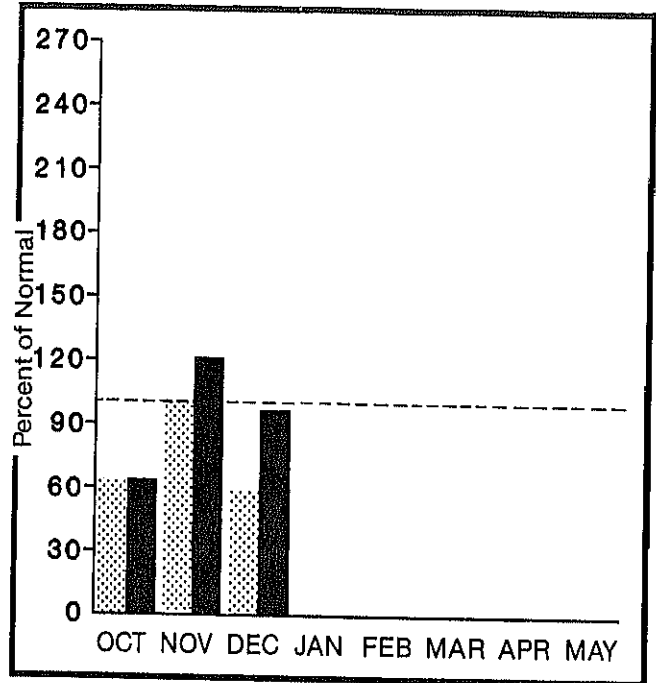
NORTH PUGET SOUND

Mountain snowpack* (inches)





*Based on selected stations

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum  Average 
Minimum  Current 

Monthly precipitation  Year to date precipitation 

NORTH PUGET SOUND RIVER BASINS

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Snow cover for the North Puget Basin is 71% of normal, with the Harts Pass SNOTEL site having 19.1 inches of water content as of January 1. Precipitation values for December were 58% of average, with a water year to date at 95%. Forecasted runoff for the Skagit River is 94% of normal. Reservoir storage is below average with Ross storing 1,178,700 acre feet as of January 1, compared to last years 1,206,000 acre feet.

For more information contact your local Soil Conservation Service office.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST	25YR	1MOST	MOST	RMX	RMN	
	PERIOD	AVG	IPROB	PROB	%	%	
		KAF	IKAF	ZAUGIKAF	AVG	IKAF	AVG
SKAGIT RIVER at Newhalem 2	APR-SEP	2356	2210	94.	2823	120	1597
	APR-JUL	1972	1850	94.	2363	120	1337
	APR-JUN	1485	1400	94.	1786	120	1014

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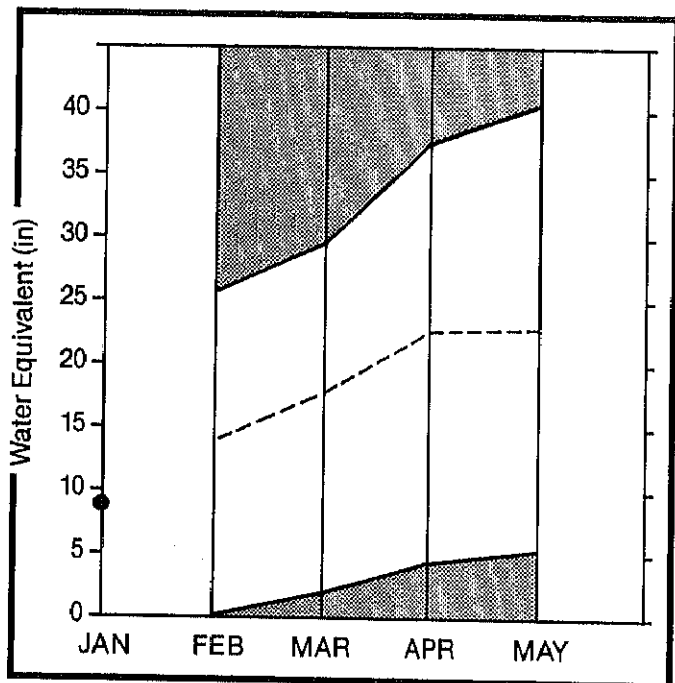
RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	** USABLE STORAGE **		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVE.
ROSS	1404.1	1178.7	1096.0	783.9
DIABLO RESERVOIR	90.6	84.6	84.8	---
GORGE RESERVOIR	9.8	8.0	7.6	---

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
Skagit River	3	101	78
Baker River	0	0	0
Cedar River	0	0	0
Snoqualmie River	0	0	0
Skykomish River	2	128	88

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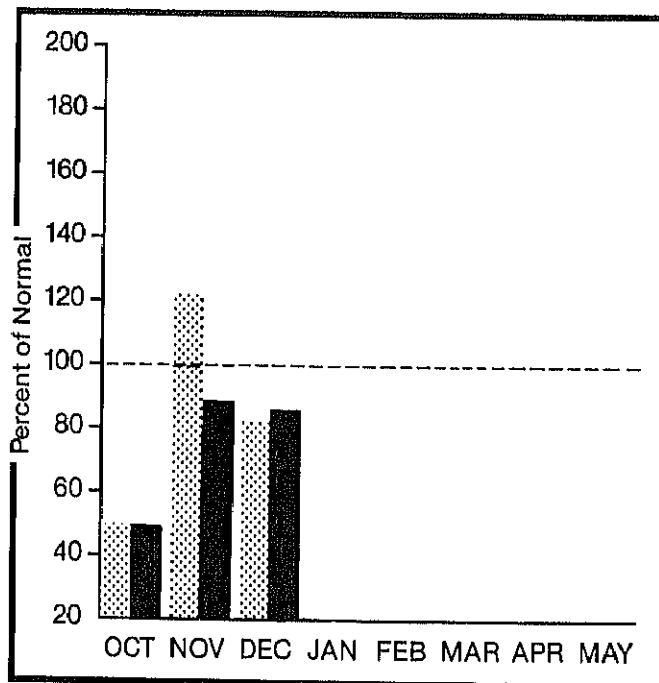
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Based on selected stations

Maximum Average Minimum Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation Year to date precipitation

OLYMPIC PENINSULA RIVER BASINS

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

December precipitation was 82% of normal. The water year to date accumulation is 86% of average. Snow cover is estimated to be 90% of normal based upon snow pillow data from Carrol Pass on the Wynoochee River. Area streamflow was below normal during December. Forecasts of runoff for the Dungeness River is 90% of average and on the Elwha River 90%.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

FORECAST	FCST	25YR	1MOST	MOST	1RMX	RMX	1RMN	RMN
	PERIOD	AVG KAF	IPROB IKAF	PROB1 %AVG IKAF		% I AVG IKAF		% AVG
DUNGENESS RIVER nr Sequim	APR-SEP	160	144	90.	176	110	112	70.
	APR-JUL	130	117	90.	143	110	91	70.
	APR-JUN	97	87	90.	106	109	68	70.
ELWHA RIVER nr Port Angeles	APR-SEP	553	500	90.	611	110	389	70.
	APR-JUL	454	410	90.	501	110	319	70.

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WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

WATERSHED	NO. COURSES AVE.D	THIS YEAR AS % OF	
		LAST YR.	AVERAGE
Dungeness River	0	0	0
Morse Creek	0	0	0
Elwha River	0	0	0

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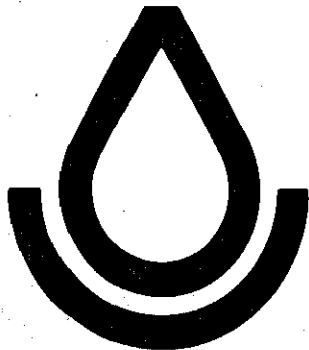
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